

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2315
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2016
Survey Conducted by Tobacco Board
Lokhande Shri Sadashiv Kisan

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Tobacco Board has conducted or proposes to conduct any survey on farming of Tobacco used in making bidis in various States;
- (b) if so, the area of land in acres on which its farming has been done during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise indicating its productivity;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to give incentives to farmers who produce tobacco used in making bidi; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) : No, Madam. The Tobacco Board was established under an Act of Parliament in the year,1975 and as per the mandate given by the Section 8(1) (a) of the Tobacco Board Act, 1975, it regulates only Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco which is one of the export oriented tobacco used in manufacture of cigarettes.

(b) to (d): Does not arise.
